

Legal regulation of nature protection in national parks

Abstract

The purpose of the thesis is to provide an overview of legal instruments used to protect nature in national parks after the amendment of the Act No. 114/1992 Coll., On Nature and Landscape Protection (“NLP”) and evaluate their functionality. Although Act No. 123/2017 Coll., which amended the NPL, has been in effect since June 1, 2017, changes are being reflected in practice gradually.

The thesis is elaborated by a descriptive method connected with the analysis of effective legislation and it is formally divided into six chapters. The first chapter deals with sources of legal regulation, the second one deals with the term of national park itself, including a short historical excursion and the international concept of IUCN. This chapter also includes the issue of the protection zone and the process of proclaiming national parks. The third chapter is devoted to the new concept of management zoning and also contains the current information on the zoning discussion in individual national parks. The fourth chapter contains an overview of the tools that lead to the limitation of various activities in the territory of the national park, whether they are basic or closer protective conditions, restrictions and prohibition of activities according to § 66 NLP, new institute of rest areas, restrictions on entry due to nature protection, issuing binding opinions on certain activities or now legally non-formal visitor rules. At the end of the fourth chapter, the issue of possible entry fees into the territory of national parks, which may also lead to a limitation of activity, is discussed. In contrast to previous plans of care, the fifth chapter focuses on a more generally conceived document called the principles of national park and its protection zone care. The sixth chapter contains an overview of the institutional cover of nature protection in national parks, focusing on the Ministry of the Environment, the management of the national park, the national park council, the Czech Environmental Inspectorate and the nature guard.

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